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**Title:** A Connector For Electrically  
Coupling One or More Devices  
In a Processor-Based System

Examiner: Abrams, Neil  
Group/Art Unit: 2839

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
October 18, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2002. Applicants also respectfully Request Continued Examination.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 9, and 12. Please add claims 30-35 and amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 26 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A processor-based system, comprising:  
a first board;  
a second board; and  
a first connector coupled to the first board, comprising:

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